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Shopping Tip

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Wed, Aug 1, 2018 at 6:45 PM

To: taylor.bazley@lacity.org, mike.bonin@lacity.org

Hey Guys,

If you are looking for a bike you should check out the end of [redacted] There are lot of guys selling and fixing bikes. The selection is great and their inventory is all right tner since the city has no storage space. And since they pay no rent for their shops, I'm sure you could get a good deal. You might also be able to pick up some used furniture--there's plenty. Go at the right time and they might even invite you to a BBQ.

You should definitely check it out. < /div>

Best,
Saul

Saul C. Janson, Esq.

Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 12:29 PM

To: Saul Janson <

Cc: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>

Hey Saul -

Bike theft is a real problem for sure! This is why LAPD has a system to register bikes so they can run serial numbers and cross check the owner on file and the person in possession of the bike. This is particularly effective when a police report is filed about a stolen bike that has been registered; unfortunately, bicycle registration rates are pretty low and people frequently don't report the crime (especially in your area which according to LAPD there are almost no reports) giving very little for our police to actually do about the issue. I have long since wanted someone to lead a registration campaign with LAPD support so we can proactively improve things - would you like to help lead this?

How is getting a bid for the landscaping project going? Have you had more success with the connection to that I facilitated than with the connection to [redacted] and her recommendations?

-Taylor

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Saul Janson <

Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM

To: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>

Cc: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>

On behalf of my neighbors I am so sorry that we are the cause of this problem by not registering and reporting stolen bikes. Give me an effing break Taylor. The issue isn't stolen bikes, it is the absolute incompetent city government that cannot figure out a way not to let 20 people camp out on public property abutting residences with TONS OF THEIR FURNITURE, BIKES and GARBAGE night after night. It is infuriating and mind boggling that we have to deal with this and that the city has not figured out a way to at least keep these people from having all this crap out here. We are not unsympathetic or unaware of the homeless problem. The City has lowered the bar so low that we would probably be fine with a few simple tents pitched down there on a regular basis. If only. I dare you and Mike to come and see for yourselves what my neighbors and I are dealing with.

Last night one of the "residents" who Mike Bonin is so fond of tried to break into my neighbor's house and then bashed his windshield in with a bottle. The City and Mike Bonin are failing us. I feel so sorry for my neighbors whose houses are right there. I wish Mike could live there for awhile.

I have forwarded the landscaping plan to and he has given it to the landscaper but still no word. I have followed up a few times and will again. My neighbors are trying to find a landscaping company as well.

Saul

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Fri, Aug 3, 2018 at 7:03 PM

To: Saul Janson <

Cc: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>

Saul -

I understand the frustration - encampments in Venice are often near homes and that is bad for neighborhoods, 100%. You are approaching this from the perspective that there has been some law that was passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor to enshrine that people can keep personal property in public space and sleep in public space. We have

emailed enough times that you know this is not the case - there have been plenty of court rulings by the judicial branch of government that has crafted what laws the legislative branch of government (us) can have on the books that the executive branch (LAPD led by the Mayor) can then enforce. I have visited more than a few times - gets bad with the number of homeless belongings without a doubt. It is absolutely nuts that we have that many people with that many belongings living that close to homes on the streets, and, it is not a law that we passed that says they can live in public space but rather court rulings saying our laws that we passed that said their living in public space was illegal were unconstitutional. This is frustrating - it is frustrating for me, the people who live near encampments, and every other Angeleno to have encampments across our City and permeating our neighborhoods. This is EXACTLY why your municipal and County governments are so focused on decreasing the homeless population and gaining back control. It is not going to happen as quickly as everyone wants but those people's existence on the streets is not because of some law that you just need your local legislature to change his position on and everything will be fine. It is a lot bigger problem with that and addressing it locally as a neighborhood, with that in mind is critical to making progress.

-Taylor

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Saul Janson < >
To: Taylor Bazley <taylor.bazley@lacity.org>
Cc: Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 3, 2018 at 10:46 PM

Hey Taylor—

Through my frustration and anger, you are misinterpreting my thoughts about this. I know that the city has not passed laws allowing this. But I do think that the city must have screwed up royally to get here. It remains mystifying that the city & its lawyers cannot either get laws on the books to restrict the amount of detritus, belongings, etc that people are allowed to amass and keep on the streets or that the laws it wrote resulted in the courts having no choice but to allow this. It also seems that there would be some solution attainable of having storage space available to satisfy court mandates.

I realize it is a huge, complex problem and that there is movement and progress being made. But there should be some parallel track being pursued on the legal front that would allow the city to limit the amount of belongings—and garbage and stolen bikes—that people are allowed to have in public spaces. Or limit the number of people in an area. I cannot believe that a judge seeing the situation at the end of our street would deem that a constitutionally mandated situation.

It is also frustrating that my neighbors and I seem to be considered as heartless, angry, selfish, etc and that the unhoused are all painted as innocents, down on their luck, having no options and not responsible for their situation. This does not seem to be the case with at least many of them here. And then there is all the stuff!

Despite all the anger and frustration, still trying to re-activate the space. Though worried that once we do, it will not solve the problem.

Thanks

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